

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, May 13, 1898, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Friday May 13th., 1898. My darling Alec:

Why can't you telegraph answer to my telegrams? Your replies are such a decided refusal to answer what I want to know that I am worried and almost inclined to take Mr. McCurdy's invitation and go to Baddeck with him. I would if I did not think Mamma wanted me more than you do. I wish you would take one of those pills. I am going to send some on to Mr. McCurdy and ask him to offer them to you and please please take one. — It's only one —

It has not been warm so far, even yesterday there was such a strong breeze blowing that we did not feel the sun. I am utterly discouraged about our bills. I don't know how they mount up so, but we must borrow \$1500.00 more. The bills seem to be all right. One of them is \$125.00 for fruit sent to Beinn Breagh, but that was for all the time we were there last year — 9 months. You say I have never been pleasant when you proposed giving away a hundred dollars or so but we have never been even with our accounts. If we were I really would say nothing. George Sanders costs you about \$2000.00 a year and what do you really get from him? I have one extravagance, the sewing school at Baddeck, that costs me \$500.00 a year.

Mamma goes out to Twin Oaks today. Elsie and I remain here a few days longer. Truth to tell I would rather stay here in my own house till you return. I find it perfectly comfortable.

Well my darling I want you to be well healthy and happy, and I will do all I can to help you,

Lovingly, Yours ever.